

# Foia Foia language

**Foia Foia** (Foyafoya), or **Minanibai**,<sup>[4]</sup> is a Papuan language of Papua New Guinea, spoken in an area near Omati River mouth in Ikobi Kairi and Goaribari Census districts (Gulf Province).

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## Locations

Foia Foia is spoken in Bibisa village (7.666925°S 143.177088°E﻿ / ﻿7.666925°S 143.177088°E﻿ / -7.666925; 143.177088), Bamu Rural LLG, Western Province, Papua New Guinea.<sup>[5][6]</sup>

Minanbai is spoken in Moka (7.282409°S 143.461072°E﻿ / ﻿7.282409°S 143.461072°E﻿ / -7.282409; 143.461072) and Pepeha (7.655742°S 144.007263°E﻿ / ﻿7.655742°S 144.007263°E﻿ / -7.655742; 144.007263) villages of West Kikori Rural LLG, Gulf Province.

## Phonology

### Foia Foia vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	<span>i</span>		<span>u</span>
Mid	<span>e</span>		<span>o</span>
Open		<span>ä</span> < <span>ā</span> >	<span>ɑ</span> < <span>a</span> >

### Foia Foia consonants

	Labial	Labiodental	Alveolar	Velar	Glottal
Voiceless stop	<span>p</span>		<span>t</span>	<span>k</span>	<span>ʔ</span> <'>
Voiced stop	<span>b</span>		<span>d</span>	<span>g</span>	
Voiceless fricative	<span>ɸ</span> < <span>f</span> >	<span>f</span>	<span>s</span>		<span>h</span>
Approximant	<span>w</span>		<span>l</span>		

Foia Foia	
Minanibai	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Native speakers	180 (2000 census) <sup>[1]</sup> 300 Minanibai reported 1980 <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	<div>Trans–New Guinea <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Fly River (Anim)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Inland Gulf<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Foia Foia</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Dialects	Mahigi
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: ffi – Foia Foia mcv – Minanibai
Glottolog	mina1274 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/mina1274) Minanibai <sup>[2]</sup> mahi1249 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/mahi1249) Mahigi <sup>[3]</sup>

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